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SUBJ: SOVIET CALL FOR UN PLEA TO CHILE TO SPARE CPC

FIRST SECRETARY CORVALAN

SUMMARY: SOVIET PERMREP MALIK AT HIS URGENT REQUEST  
GIVEN FOLLOR DURING UNGA GENERAL DEBATE MORNING OCT. 3 AND CHARGED  
CHILEAN JUNTA PLANNED EXECUTE CPC FIRST SECRETARY CORVALAN AT  
4 PM OCT. 3. HE ASKED UN SECGEN AND UNGA PRESIDENT UNDERTAKE  
URGENT MEASURES SAVE CORVALAN. MALIK PROPOSAL ENDORSED  
SUBSEQUENTLY BY EASTERN BLOC (INCLUDING MONGOLIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND  
CUBA) WHILE CHILEAN PERMREP SAID PROPOSAL POINTLESS SINCE  
CORVALAN NOT YET TRIED MUCH LESS SENTENCED. END SUMMARY  
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1. MAB. MALIK OF USSR INTERRUPTED THE GENERAL DEBATE OCT. 3 BEFORE SCHEDULED SPEECH BY PORTUGAL IN MORNING SESSION OF THE GENERAL DEBATE TO ANNOUNCE HE HAD INFORMATION THAT CHILEAN JUNTA PLANNED TO EXECUTE LUIS CORVALAN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY AT 4 PM, OCT. 3. RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR CALLED CORVALAN OUTSTANDING CHILEAN PARTIRO, (MALIK ALSO MENTIONED US PRESS REPORTS THAT CHILEAN JUNTA ARRESTING AND EXECUTING A LARGE NUMBER OF CHILEAN CITIZENS). MALIK DECLARED THAT THE UN CANNOT "STAND IDLY BY" IN THE FACE OF IMPENDING EXECUTION OF LUIS CORVALAN. USSR AMB. SAID THAT IT IS INADMISSABLE THAT SOMEONE CAN BE SHOT OR KILLED FOR IDEOLOGICAL REASONS AT THIS TIME. MALIK APPEALED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECRETARY GENERAL TO ADOPT URGENT MEASURES TO PREVENT CORVALAN EXECUTION.

2. FOLLOWING PORTUGAL'S GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH CHILEAN REP, GOING TO PODIUM ON POINT OF ORDER, ATTEMPTED GIVE REPORT ON STATUS OF CORVALAN. HOWEVER, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RULED AGAINST CHILEAN DELEGATE AND GAVE FLOOR TO SAUDI ARABIAN AMB. ON ANOTHER POINT OF ORDER. SAUDI SUGGESTED THAT PRESIDENT OF THE UNA AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL SEND TELEGRAMS TO CHILEAN LEADERSHIP URGING THAT CORVALAN NOT BE ASSASSINATED.

3. 11 COUNTRIES (BULGARIA, POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, MONGOLIA, UKRANIAN SSR, CUBA, YUGOSLAVIA, BYELORUSSIA, ROMANIA) THEN SUPPORTED USSR PROPOSAL, EXPRESSING THEMSELVES IN ALMOST THE SAME TERMS AS MALIK.

4. SPEAKING EIGHTH, CHILEAN DELEGATE DENOUNCED SOVIET STATEMENT AS EXAMPLE "CYNICISM" AND "UNTRUTHFUL", SAYING SOVIET UNION HAS NEVER RESPECTED HUMAN RIGHTS OF ITS CITIZENS. CHILEAN DELEGATE REPORTED THAT CORVALAN HAD BEEN DETAINED FOR ORGAINZING ARMED RESISTANCE TO MILITARY AUTHORITIES BUT SAID HE WOULD RECEIVE ALL GUARANTEES ACCORDED TO CHILEAN CITIZEN ACCUSED OF CRIMINAL OFFENSE. CORVALAN NOT YET TRIED MUCH LESS SENTENCED. REPORTS THEREFORE FALSE HE WOULD BE EXECUTED TODAY.

5. SPEAKING FOR SECOND TIME RUSSIAN DELEGATE APPLAUDED THOSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHO ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH USSR APPEAL FOR UN ACTION, FURTHER DENOUNCED CHILEAN DELEGATE AND STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD SEND AND THAT THE SYG HAD ALREADY SENT A TELEGRAM URGING THE JUNTA TO RECONSIDER ITS ACTIONS AGAINST CORVALAN.

6. UNGA RECESSED WITHOUT VOTE ON PROPOSAL BUT WE UNDERSTAND SOME REPRESENTATIONS ALREADY MADE (SEPTTEL). WE ALSO NOTE SMALL

DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE AT CHILEAN UN MISSION ORGANIZED BY  
SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY WHILE UNGA HEARING BLOC PERMREPS  
TAKE UP CORVALAN CASE.

7. AT LUNCH SUBSEQUENT TO PLENARY SESSION, CHAIRMAN UNGA FOURTH  
COMMITTEE (VENEZUELAN ALT. PERMREP DIAZ GONZALEZ) GAVE TO MISOFF  
HIS PERSONAL VIEW (WHICH HE IMPLIED WAS SHARED BY SOME OTHER LA  
REPS) THAT CHILEAN MILITARY HAD ALREADY EXECUTED CORVALAN AND  
THAT TRIAL WOULD BE MERELY A COVER UP. COMMENT: THIS IS INDICATION OF  
MOOD AROUND UN THESE DAYS. HOWEVER, NOTEWORTHY THAT NO ONE  
SUPPORTING SOVIET PLEA, NOT EVEN CUBAN, ATTEMPTED LINK US TO  
CHILEAN EVENTS. END COMMENT.

8. CHILEAN MISSION'S SPOKESMAN HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AFTERNOON,  
OCT. 3 CLAIMING THAT SOVIET ALLEGATIONS WERE "TOTAL FABRICATION"  
SINCE NO LEGAL PROCEEDINGS HAD YET BEEN INSTITUTED AGAINST  
CORVALAN. CHILEANS INSISTED THAT CORVALAN WOULD BE GIVEN  
TRIAL AND ALLOWED TO DEFEND HIMSELF. IN ENSUING PERIOD OF  
HOSTILE QUESTIONING FROM PRESS REPS, CHILEANS CLAIMED NEW YORK  
TIMES ACCOUNTS OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CHILE WERE  
INACCURATE.  
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